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Mr. Wayne Pierre, Team leader Environmental Cleanup *Office* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue Seattle, WA 98101

SUBJECT: Critical Decision 4 (CD-4) for the Glovebox Excavator Method (GEM) Project (EM-ER-03-307)

Dear Mr. Koch and Mr. Pierre:

CD-4 for the GEM project was approved today. Enclosed is approval of CD-4 by the Acquisition Executive and direction for the contractor to begin excavation operations. This meets the requirement of paragraph 3.1.5 of the Agreement to Resolve *Disputes*.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 208-526-5920.

Sincerely

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